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Docket No. 11197/6 11-28-02
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of : Tadaaki HAMAGUCHI et al.
SERIAL NO. : 09/844,660
FILED : April 27, 2001
FOR : HYDROPHILIC POLYESTER FIBER
AND HYDROPHILIC NONWOVEN FABRIC
USING THE SAME AND THEIR PRODUCTION
GROUP ART UNIT : 1771 Confirmation No: 9001
EXAMINER : Jeremy R. Pierce

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2002. In response and without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter in the non-elected claims, Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1-6, 15, and 16) for further prosecution.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202)220-4200 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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